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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW CABINET

1. SOCIO-REPUBLICAN SECRETARY GENERAL PAN SOTHI TELLS US THAT PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET HAS OBTAINED AGREEMENT OF HIS PARTY'S LEADERSHIP FOR FOLLOWING FORMULA TO RESOLVE PRESENT POLITICAL PROBLEMS:

A. PAN SOTHI AND REPUBLICAN DEPTY LEADER OP KIM ANG WILL BE ADDED TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

B. CABINET WILL BE COMPOSED OF ABOUT NINE SOCIO-REPUBLICANS AND ELEVEN INDEPENDENTS. REPUBLICANS WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED SO AS TO AVOID CLASH WITH PARLIAMENT OVER INTERPELLATIONS. EDUCATION AND YOUTH PORTFOLIO WILL BE DIVIDED SO AS TO PERMIT TWO MINISTER OR ONE MINISTER AND NONE OR TWO SECRETARIES OF STATE TO SHARE BURDEN OF THIS CRITICAL SECTOR.

C. PARLIAMENT WILL NOT BE RECESSED BUT WILL BE ASKED TO AGREE NOT TO HARASS GOVERNMENT THROUGH INTERPELLATIONS. PAN SOTHI SAID HE HAS BEGUN SOUNDINGS OF DEPUTIES ON THIS POINT AND REACTION IS THUS FAR FAVORABLE.

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2. LONG BORET HAS NOT YET OBTAINED PRESIDENT LON NOL'S

AND SIRIK MATAK'S APPROVAL OF THIS FORMULA. PAN SOTHI SEES NO PROBLEM AS REGARDS THE MARSHAL AND BELIVES THAT SIRIK MATAK MAY ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL REPUBLICAN SEAT IN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL INSTEAD OF REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATION IN CABINET BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT HIS DEPUTY OP KIM ANG WANTS. LONG BORET NOW PLANS TO HAVE FIRM CABINET PROPOSALS READY ON JUNE 13.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY FACT THAT LONG BORET, INSTEAD OF PAN SOTHI, IS NOW CARRYING BALL.
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